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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Zenhausern, F. :
Serial No. 09/407,581 :
Filed: September 28, 1999 :
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS :
FOR MONITORING MATERIALS :
USED IN ELECTRONICS :

Group Art Unit: 2857
Examiner: Tsai, C.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

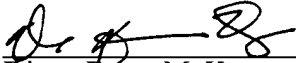
In a November 28, 2001 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. The species best illustrated by claims 1-13, 15-19 and 43
- II. The species best illustrated by claims 14 and 20-23
- III. The species best illustrated by claims 24-36
- IV. The species best illustrated by claims 37-42

Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group I Claims 1-13, 15-19 and 43 for prosecution in this application. Applicant submits that a search of the composition would uncover the species of Groups II, III and IV. Applicant respectfully requests the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should she believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,



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